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This edition of Thornton is indeed a great advance upon the former one. The impediments and embarrassments under which any such extended and complicated enterprise must labor are very great. The first edition certainly was anything but free from defects, yet the profession eagerly purchased and constantly used it, with much satisfaction to themselves and their clients. As we understand the learned author, his work claims to be only a valuable practical manual, in which the necessary information in regard to the conveyancing in the various States and Territories has been collected together with fidelity and accuracy. It is therefore fair to test the book by this claim only; and when we consider the vast and complicated examinations of statutes and decisions which the preparation of such a volume must of necessity involve, it is remarkable that professional criticism should have detected so few errors or omissions.

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English Reports in Law and Equity; containing Reports of Cases in the House of Lords, Privy Council, Courts of Equity and Common Law, and in the Admiralty and Ecclesiastical Courts; including also Cases in Bankruptcy and Crown Cases reserved. Edited by Edmund H. Bennett and Chauncey Smith, counsellors at law. Volume XVIII. containing Cases in the House of Lords, the Queen's Bench, Common Pleas and Exchequer, and Ecclesiastical Courts, during the years 1852 and '53. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. 1853; pp. 652.

To those professional brethren who are at a distance from the great marts of books, this series must prove almost indispensable. The cases are all taken from the two great ephemeral law publications of London, the *Jurist* and *Law Journal Reports*, works of character and marked ability, the one weekly and the other monthly, but which can be had, even in our Atlantic cities, only at an enormous expense, which few professional men are willing or able to encounter. In these days of steam and telegraphs, the most recent information from Westminster Hall is demanded, and this demand the great Boston publishing house seeks to supply, and do supply, by the series now before us. We have so frequently commended the former volumes, that it is now only necessary to announce the fact of publication, to inform the Bar that the volumes may be purchased.